

# IASIL Japan Newsletter

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The Japan Branch of the International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures

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## Message from the President

As we approach the fortieth anniversary of its founding, IASIL Japan is entering one of the most exciting periods in its history. Any major anniversary is transitional, a time to take stock as well as a time to look forward, but this year will, in a very practical sense, be even more transitional: we are preparing ourselves to host the annual IASIL International Conference in Tokyo in 2024, and we are also, for the first time since 2019, going to hold our own conference face-to-face. These are major commitments, and require the hard work and dedication of the secretariat, and I want to thank Yuri Yoshino and Tetsuko Nakamura for their already huge contribution of time and energy and intelligence to these matters, and to the smooth running of our organization.

I also want to thank the Executive Committee, and all of our membership, for the time they devote to IASIL Japan. For the first time in a scarcely believable four years, we will, all being well, be able to see each other face-to-face at our annual conference, and so I hope as many of you as possible will be able to make the trip to Ritsumeikan University in October. It is something to which, at long last, taking stock of what we have all been through, we can truly look forward.

Andrew Fitzsimons

### 1. Payment of Annual Fees

Membership of IASIL Japan runs from the beginning of April to the end of March every year. Please find enclosed the 2023 Membership Fee remittance sheet payable to Japan Post Bank. You may choose to pay into the IASIL Japan account at MUFU BANK (Mitsubishi UFJ Bank) below. If you have not paid the membership fee below for any of the past three years, a separate sheet indicating the unpaid year is enclosed, so we ask you to add that amount to the 2023 fee.

If you are applying for Student membership fee, please provide the office with a copy of a valid student ID with your payment.

Membership with <i>JIS</i>	¥ 7,000	Couple membership with <i>JIS</i>	¥ 10,000
Membership with <i>JIS</i> & <i>IUR</i>	¥ 10,000	Couple membership with <i>JIS</i> & <i>IUR</i>	¥ 13,000
Student with <i>JIS</i> *	¥ 5,000		

\*a copy of a valid student ID should be submitted at the beginning of every fiscal year

If you live abroad, you can use PayPal. Please follow the instruction shown in the email you will receive shortly from Treasurer Tetsuko Nakamura <treasurer@iasil.jp>. Or you can transfer your membership fee to the following account:

Bank Name: MUFG Bank, Ltd.

SWIFT Code: BOTKJPJT (in 8 digits); BOTKJPJTXXX (in 11 digits)

Branch Name: Okurayama Branch (Branch No. 308)

Branch Address: 3-7-17 Shin-Yokohama, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture,  
222-0033, Japan

Tel: +81(0)45-475-3822

Account Name: IASIL Japan Treasurer Tetsuko Nakamura

Account No: 0688983 (Savings Account)

The membership fee for overseas members does not include the transfer charge, so please make sure that the exact amount reaches us. Please add the overseas postal charge so that we can post you the copy/copies of *Journal of Irish Studies* (and *Irish University Review*) for which you have paid, according to the table below.

International postal rates for <i>JIS</i> & <i>IUR</i>	Asia	Oceania, North America, Central America, Europe, Middle East	South America, Africa
<i>JIS</i>	¥ 850	¥ 1,000	¥ 1,300
<i>JIS</i> & <i>IUR</i>	¥ 1,500	¥ 2,000	¥ 2,600

**NB** Due to the rise in postage, the international postal rate for *JIS* to be sent to a member in Asia has become ¥850. If you wish to receive *Journal of Irish Studies*, vol. 37 (and *IUR* for those subscribing) at the annual conference in October 2023, please complete your payment **by the end of September 2023**.

## 2. IASIL Conference 2023 “Sustainability”

IASIL Conference, hosted by our colleagues at the British University in Egypt, will be held as an in-person event from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. The applications are now closed. For more details, please go to IASIL Website: <http://www.iasil.org/conference-2023-the-british-university-in-egypt-july-17-21-2023/> and the conference website: <https://www.bue.edu.eg/iasil/>.

## 3. Reports on IASIL Japan Scholarship

There was no application to IASIL Japan Scholarship 2023. We would like to encourage more postgraduate students to apply for the scholarship at the next opportunity.

## 4. Plans for the IASIL Japan 2023 Conference, “Evolutions / Dissolutions”

The following plan was confirmed at and after the Executive Committee Meeting held on 4th March:

Dates: 28th & 29th October, 2023

Venue: Ritsumeikan University, Kinugasa Campus (<https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/access/>)

Theme: Evolutions / Dissolutions

Guests: Anne Haverty (in-person) and Claire Connolly (online)

Symposium 1: “Evolutions / Dissolutions in Irish Literature” (the tentative title)

Chair: Beverley Curran (ICU)

Panellists: TBC

Symposium 2: “Post-Times: Writing in the Aftermath” (the tentative title)

Chair: Masaya Shimokusu (Doshisha Univ)

Panellists: Fuyuji Tanigawa (Konan Women’s Univ)

Kiminori Fukaya (Hosei Univ)

Imazeki Yuta (Edogawa Univ)

Masaya Shimokusu (Doshisha Univ)

### **Call for Papers!**

Applicants for a 20-minute paper reading are requested to send a synopsis of 250–300 words as a Word attachment to the IASIL Japan office at <secretary@iasil.jp>. Besides the synopsis itself, please send details of affiliation, full postal and e-mail addresses, and telephone and fax numbers by **31 May 2023**.

### **Call for Book Launches!**

If you would like to launch your book during the conference, please write to the IASIL Japan Office at <secretary@iasil.jp>.

### **Travel Arrangements**

In light of the recent tourism boost in Kyoto, the members are advised to make their hotel bookings for the conference early. Hotels around JR Enmachi (円町) station, Nijojo (二条城), Doshisha University (同志社大学), Kyoto Gosho (京都御所) should be most convenient for the venue. It is also advisable to avoid areas near Shijo (四条) and JR Kyoto station (京都駅), because the route to the venue will be heavily congested.

Members will be requested to fill in an online registration form. Further details will be given in the next Newsletter.

### **5. *Journal of Irish Studies*, Vol. XXXVII**

The deadline for submission to *Journal of Irish Studies* Vol. XXXVII is **25 April 2023**. Contributors should send articles for consideration together with a short biographical note to Brian Fox at <editor@iasil.jp>. More information can be found on the IASIL Japan website: <http://iasil.jp/journal.html>.

The editor suggests that those whose mother tongue is not English should have their articles checked by native speakers of English prior to submission.

## 6. *Journal of Irish Studies*, Anniversary Issue

In 2024, the *Journal of Irish Studies* will celebrate the 40th anniversary of IASIL Japan (1984-2024).

Proposals for material for this special anniversary edition include:

- Bibliography of publications in Japan within the field of Irish Studies 2003-2023 (**NOT** limited to the *Journal of Irish Studies*) in English and in Japanese. All publications by IASIL Japan members may be included, regardless of where they were published.
- Reflections from original and long-standing members of IASIL Japan
- Photographs (from IASIL Japan conferences 1984-2024, etc.)

IASIL Japan members are encouraged to send any of the above material to the editor of the *Journal of Irish Studies* ([editor@iasil.jp](mailto:editor@iasil.jp)) before **25 April 2024**. All photographs should be sent as either JPEG or PDF (if scanned) files to the editor by email attachment. All publications for the bibliography should be in the following format (for consistency, we will follow the same format as the 1984-2003 bibliography):

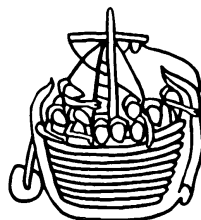
Journal Articles:

**Name** (year of publication) ‘title.’ In Journal Title [vol:no], [pages].

*Example:*

**Abe Kazuko** (1994) ‘The Poetry of Derek Mahon, 1962-1982.’ In *Kasumigaoka Review* 1, 91-107.

— (1994) ‘Father-Son Relations in Brian Friel’s “Philadelphia Here I Come!”.’ In *Éire* 14, 21-31.



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